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Being very tall has never been bigger. -- Ten rules for successful Transit Oriented Development (TOD). -- The EPA's Best Workplaces for Commuters list (and why). -- In California, "granny flats" are one solution for affordable housing (design included). -- In Texas, offshore wind farms may be the new black gold (if they can figure out if there's enough wind). -- A jewel of a shed for a new museum on the Welsh waterfront. -- New life for a has-been Gehry building in Paris. -- Calatrava's Turning Torso disappoints - and raises questions. -- Another Las Vegas development with stellar design team. -- Carmakers use architecture to brand their vehicles. -- The postwar ranch house is cool again. -- A graveyard for vanished buildings in New Zealand. -- Prince Charles takes the National Building Museum's Vincent Scully Prize. -- Another Inventioneering Architecture lecture online. -- The Canadian Centre for Architecture in Montreal opens "Sense of the City."

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Onward and Upward? Four years after 9/11--at perhaps the peak of the real estate bubble--very tall has never been hotter...a virile bid for immortality, a totem of civic prowess. By Philip Nobel -- Calatrava; Skidmore, Owings & Merrill; Renzo Piano- Metropolis Magazine

Op-Ed: Ten Common Sense Rules For TOD: What are the necessary ingredients for successful Transit Oriented Development? By Bruce Liedstrand- PLANetizen

Computer Industry Dominates EPA's 'Best Workplaces for Commuters' List: ...recognized for their role in offering commuter benefits that reduce fuel consumption, vehicle emissions and traffic congestion across the country.- Environmental News Network

The Granny Flat Grows Up: A Santa Cruz program promotes garage conversions as an alternative to sprawl...encouraging infill by offering blueprints for seven prototype accessory dwelling units (ADU). By Martin C. Pedersen -- SixEight Design; CCS Architecture; Peterson Architects; David Baker and Partners; Boone/Low Architects and Planners; Mark Primack Architect; Eve Reynolds Architect [images, link]- Metropolis Magazine

Wind farm may yield windfall for Texans: Offshore project would generate clean energy as well as millions for state's schools...But what kind of wind exists off the Texas coast is anyone's guess...- Houston Chronicle

The jewel versus the shed: on the Welsh waterfront, a new national museum opens. By Hugh Pearman -- Wilkinson Eyre; Land Design Studio [images]- HughPearman.com (UK)

A New Life for a Has-Been, a Gehry Building: ...now the home of the Cinémathèque Française...What makes this transformation unusual is that it was not carried out by Gehry, although he did participate in the selection of Dominique Brard of l'Atelier de l'Île as the project's architect. [image]- New York Times

Let's Do the Twist: Is Ground Zero's architectural superstar all he's cracked up to be?...The unsatisfactory design of Turning Torso raises questions about the future direction of Calatrava's career. By Witold Rybczynski [images]- Slate

Las Vegas developer begins work on $1.8 billion Cosmopolitan Resort & Casino, a hotel - condominium-casino complex -- Arquitectonica; Martha Schwartz Partners; Dougall Design; Paul Duesing Partners; The Friedmutter Group- Las Vegas Sun

I Like the New Car, but I Love the New Building: Automakers have long used architecture to frame how their vehicles are seen and their brands perceived. -- Koolhaas; Gehry; Calatrava; Saarinen; Gunter Henn; Asymptote; Hadid; Coop Himmel- b(l)au; Gerkan Margi; Foster and Partners; Ron Arad; Jennifer Luce; William McDonough- New York Times

The once and future ranch: The postwar icon is wooing a new generation. Yes, your folks' house is cool again. -- Cliff May; Joseph Eichler [images]- Los Angeles Times

A Graveyard For Vanished Buildings: From 10th - 21st November, 50 marble blocks, each one bearing the name of a vanished Wellington building, will be on show outside Old St Paul's, the historic wooden church.- Scoop (New Zealand)

National Building Museum Awards Vincent Scully Prize to The Prince of Wales: Prince Charles to Accept Award and Speak at Museum in Washington, DC, November 3- National Building Museum

Inventioneering Architecture - Ines Lamuniere and Patrick Devanthery: swissnex lecutre series at California College of the Arts [audio, video]- Architecture Radio

Sense of the City at Canadian Centre for Architecture: ...a major exhibition dedicated to the theme of urban phenomena and perceptions which have been ignored, repressed, or maligned.- Art Daily

Oct. '05 Build Business: The International Development Scene: What's Hot for the A/E/C Industry?

-- Exhibition: Aerospace Design, Pratt Manhattan Gallery, New York City
-- TEN Arquitectos/Taller de Enrique Norten Arquitectos: Visual & Performing Arts Library, Brooklyn, New York

-- Rem Koolhaas/OMA: Casa da Musica, Porto, Portugal

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